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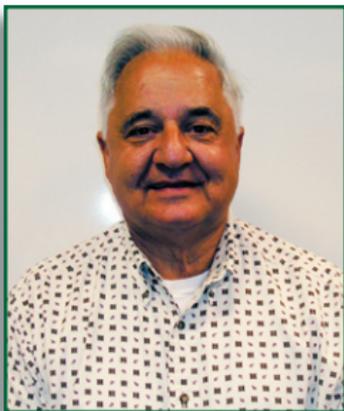
Class of 2005



Nancy Alf has been an attorney since 1983 and is a shareholder with the regional firm of Parsons Behle & Latimer. She is married to David Thomas, a political consultant. They have two cats, Dewey and Truman. She is the past president of the Clark County Bar Association (1999) and the Clark County Law Foundation (2000). She is past chair of Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada (1993) and a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce program Leadership Las Vegas (2002). She is also a recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award in the Professional category (2003). She serves as Vice President of the State Bar of Nevada. Professionally, she represents debtors, creditors, trustees and committees in bankruptcy. She and her husband enjoy travel, horse racing, fine arts and cooking.



Nancy Alf



Peter Boghossian

Peter Boghossian was born as an only child of Armenian immigrants in Boston, MA in 1937. He attended local public schools, received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University (Boston) in 1959, and was promoted to Captain (Reserves) in 1966. Peter became a Registered Professional Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor in Massachusetts. His work experience includes five years in the private sector and 32 years in the public sector in four towns. In one town he served as Town Engineer, and in two other towns he served as Superintendent of Public Works/Town Engineer. During his public career, he attended and participated in more than 2,000 public meetings.

In 1994, Peter retired to Albuquerque, New Mexico. He pursued his culinary interests and worked as a cook supervisor at an Indian casino for two years. His two years as a New Mexico Parole Board member proved to be most interesting. He's lived in Las Vegas for three years and would not live anywhere else.

Dr. Beverlee Cannon has lived in Las Vegas since 1953. She and her parents moved here after the purchase of Las Vegas Polar Ice Company.

Beverlee's husband moved here in 1955 to assist with the telephone conversion from Operator Assist to dial telephone. The population at that time was 35,000.

She has been blessed to grow in experiences as Las Vegas has grown, from the Nevada Test Site through Los Alamos Laboratory's Project Rover, Public School System PTA, Nevada Federal Credit Union, to getting her degrees in Alternative Medicine, and operating a clinic across from UMC for 10 years.

Her children, grandchildren, and now some great grandchildren have grown up and some have graduated from the Las Vegas School System.



Dr.
Beverlee
Cannon



**Dwayne
A. Chesnut,
Ph.D.**

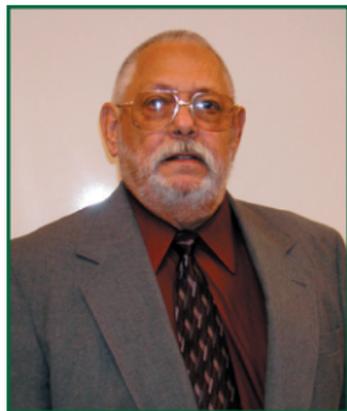
Dwayne Chesnut and his wife, Carol, are native Texans who grew up in Midland, married there in 1955, lived in Houston for 13 years (where all three of their children were born), escaped to Colorado for 19 years, and finally found their way to Las Vegas in 1987. After 3 years, they moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Dwayne worked for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) while Carol obtained her J.D. from Hastings College of the Law and was admitted to the California Bar. They were daunted by the high price of housing in California, and quickly accepted an offer from LLNL to transfer back to Las Vegas in 1995. They have both served on Board of the Canyon Ranch Estates Homeowners Association. Dwayne has been a Board member since 1997 and President since 2003.

Since Dwayne retired in 2000, he has discovered the enormous importance of working to improve government at all levels, and spends most of his time working with volunteers on political issues. He feels honored to have been selected to participate in the Citizens Leadership Academy, and hopes to learn how to help make our city an even better place to live.

Terry Clodt was born in Fullerton, California, is married and has three children and six grandchildren. He worked for 20 years for the Douglas County Sheriff's department and retired a Sergeant after 13 years. Terry also worked for Harrah's Lake Tahoe for 14 years.

Terry attended Western Nevada Community College and earned an Associate in Arts Degree and an Associate Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He is presently working on his Bachelor's Degree.

Terry was appointed to the Gardnerville Town Board for two years and elected for eight additional years. He served on the Douglas County Mental Health Board as a member and chairman and served on the Douglas County Massage Board. Terry was appointed by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners to serve on a committee for downsizing government. He was appointed by Governor Guinn to serve on the Board of Examiners for Long Term Care Administrators and appointed by the Las Vegas City Council to serve on the Child Care Licensing Board.



**Terry D.
Clodt**



Joan
Webster
Cohen

Joan Webster Cohen has worked in financial management for 20 years; her responsibilities have included risk management, corporate finance, and cash management. For several years she managed currency risk for an international oil company, making quarterly tax payments to the government of Kuwait.

In her most recent position, she designed and directed all insurance programs for a large utility company, including the formation of a captive insurance subsidiary in Bermuda.

Additionally, Joan has worked with two utility industry insurance companies. She was chairperson of the insurance advisory committee of Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited (Delaware) and a member of the insurance advisory committee of Energy Insurance Mutual (Florida).

Joan received a BA from Wilson College, in Chambersburg, PA, and an MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh.

She has lived in Las Vegas for two years.

Leo Davenport moved to Las Vegas in 1971 when he was stationed at Nellis AFB from Bell Gardens, California. He has been married to Glenda F. Davenport for the last 34 years. Leo has been working in the Mortgage industry in Las Vegas for 34 years and has been active in passing legislation which requires the licensing of all loan officers in Nevada. He currently serves on the City of Las Vegas Planning Commission and currently owns GFD Investments which is a Mortgage Company. He applied for the Citizens Academy as a way to get involved in the community and to learn how the City operates. Leo has always been interested in politics and believes citizens need to take an active roll in government.



Leo
Davenport



Daniel
Deegan

Daniel Deegan was born and raised along the Niagara Frontier in Upstate New York. During the sixties, he obtained a Degree in English Literature from Amherst College in Massachusetts. He also obtained a Second Lieutenant's commission from the Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia, and completed a few undistinguished assignments as part of the Vietnam War machine. During the seventies and eighties he experienced the clash of civilizations, teaching English at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Later, he established an experimental farm in the Philippines, choosing a location that was to be covered by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. Currently retired, he has been bringing his eclectic interests and good luck to his local Las Vegas Neighborhood Association.

Heather DeMasi was born and raised in Northern California. She has lived in Nevada for 15 years. She moved to Las Vegas in 1998 when her husband decided to take over the family business, Chick's Wheel Alignment and Brake Service.

Heather earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California, Irvine. She then went on to pursue her teaching credential from Sierra Nevada College. She most recently earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Heather has been a teacher in Nevada since 1992. She was chosen as a Southwest Region Distinguished Star in 2005 for the Clark County School District.

Heather has been an active member of the C.H. Decker Elementary P.T.A. and has served as Secretary and Treasurer on the Executive Board. She is a member of the Downtown Business Operators Council and a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Las Vegas program.



Heather
DeMasi



Fawn
Douglas

Fawn Douglas is a member of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe. She is an active member of her community and a proud mother of a four-year-old daughter. Fawn serves her Tribe as a Council Member, Education Committee member, and Instructor of Native dance.

As a Council Member, she establishes laws by reviewing and implementing policies and procedures. Most importantly, she oversees current and future economic development. Fawn donates her time to the Education committee. The committee reviews scholarship applications, organizes fundraisers, and provides the children of the Paiute community with backpacks and school supplies.

As an active community member, Fawn volunteers as head of the Native Dance Class for Girls. The class teaches young girls the art of native dance styles which are performed at Pow-Wows.

Serving the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe is a privilege and she hopes her contribution will assist in the shaping of the future for generations to come.

Mary Fazzalano, a former resident of the Western New York area, relocated to Las Vegas in 1997. Her corporate career includes administrative and management positions in retailing, insurance, law, manufacturing, global banking/finance, and the hotel/casino industry.

Mary has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Arts in Business, Government and Social Policy Studies from the State University of New York, as well as certificates in Banking and Systems/Programming.

Volunteering and civic mindedness are an important part of Mary's life. She has worked with children of all ages at Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY, and UMC in Las Vegas. She has also volunteered during several presidential elections to promote voting, campaign for presidential candidates and provide administrative and management assistance.

Yoga, hiking, movies and theater provide relaxation during Mary's busy schedule.

Mary and her husband, Michael, reside in Las Vegas, NV.



Mary H.
Fazzalano



Carolyn
Glaser

Carolyn C. Glaser has been a resident of Las Vegas since 1994. She has been married to John Glaser for 23 years, and they have one son, Christopher, age 12.

Carolyn left the workforce in 1999 to become a full-time Mom and has devoted her time since then to various volunteer organizations. She has been actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America, the Assistance League of Las Vegas, and has also been on the Board of two Homeowners Associations.

Prior to leaving the workforce, Carolyn held various financial positions with both restaurants and hotels. Her most recent experience was as Regional Controller for Planet Hollywood, Inc. where she was responsible for the financial reporting for 16 restaurants. She also held Controller positions with Hilton and Doubletree Hotels.

Carolyn graduated from the University of Redlands and also attended Arizona State University.

Trevor Hayes is a law clerk -- bar results pending -- in the Gaming and Regulatory Law Department of Nevada's largest law firm, Lionel Sawyer & Collins. Prior to obtaining his law degree from Northwestern University, Trevor served as a student intern with some of the nation's premier prosecutor's offices and as a judicial extern for the Honorable James C. Mahan, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada. He has also worked as a reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and in public relations. Trevor is a graduate of UNLV with a bachelors in communication studies. Other than time away for law school, he has lived in the Las Vegas Valley since 1992.



**Trevor
Hayes**



Jeffrey K.
Howard

Jeffrey K. Howard is a nationally recognized movie critic, television producer and film historian who has been reviewing films in the Las Vegas Valley for over ten years.

Mr. Howard was born and raised in Las Vegas and grew up in the Scotch Eighties area of town. Educated at UNLV where he majored in Film and Communication studies, he is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Journalism and Communications.

He has written film reviews for two major Las Vegas publications (Las Vegas SUN daily newspaper and alternative weekly Las Vegas Weekly) and has provided reviews and interviews for several Las Vegas stations, including KVBC-TV 3 (NBC), KVVU Fox 5 and most recently, KTNV-TV 13 (ABC). Mr. Howard is the founder and President of The Las Vegas Film Critics Society and is a member in good standing with The Society of Professional Journalists and The Broadcast Film Critics Association.

His Emmy Award winning TV show, "In2Film," (a half-hour look behind-the-scenes at the latest Hollywood releases featuring interviews with celebrities like Harrison Ford, Ben Affleck, Nicolas Cage and Steven Spielberg) is beginning its ninth year on the airwaves in Las Vegas and is produced by his production company, Civilized Society Productions.

Richard Humes was born in Scott, Mississippi, on November 20, 1946. His family moved to Peoria, Illinois when he was 9 months old. He came from a family of seven.

While in Peoria, he attended several grade schools and graduated from Manual High School in 1965. After high school he started working at Caterpillar, Inc., where he worked several Laborer jobs. In 1967 he married Gladys Davis.

In 1968, he was called to serve in Viet Nam. In 1969, while in Viet Nam, his son Richard II was born. In 1970, he completed his service and returned to work at Caterpillar, Inc., while attending Junior College part time. He enrolled in Caterpillar's apprenticeship program. After graduation, he was hired as a Shop Supervisor. In 1973, his daughter Nicole was born.

Richard and his wife continued to work at Caterpillar, raising two children and attending college. She graduated from Bradley University and he graduated from the University of Illinois, Springfield.

He left Peoria in 1991 and become a McDonald's Restaurant owner/operator and his wife left in 1995 and started working for General Motors as a Dealer. They have moved several times more.

Presently, he works as a Real Estate Sales Agent for Century 21 Consolidated and his wife is scheduled to become a State Farm Agent once an opening occurs.



**Richard
Humes**



Madeleine Johnsen

Madeleine Johnsen was born in Brooklyn on July 20, 1926. She is a graduate of Bay Ridge High School and has taken many college courses. She has also taken culinary classes from CCSN. She worked for Dr. Nathan Shaler for 23 years and only decided to move because of unsafe conditions in the city.

Madeleine moved to Las Vegas in 1967. She has been a business owner, first with Weight Control Centers. She later opened Furniture Plus on the corner of Main and Charleston. She ran this business on her own for over 15 years.

Madeleine is very active in the community by volunteering her time. She is especially active in the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. She is looking forward to many more years in Las Vegas and in continuing her concern for keeping Las Vegas a place to be proud of.

Edward Lanigar has been an active trial attorney for over 32 years. During that time he has handled a wide variety of cases involving personal injury, products liability, professional negligence, insurance bad faith, insurance coverage and construction. For the last 15 years he has specialized in construction defect litigation. He is licensed to practice in the states of California, Nevada and Arizona. He has actively litigated in all three states. His practice now emphasizes alternative dispute resolution as a mediator and arbitrator.

Mr. Lanigar is an active member of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. He presently serves on the Desert Shores Community Association Lakes Committee and the Pelican Point Homeowners Association Board of Directors. He is an active member of the Community Associations Institute. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #1468.



Edward
Lanigar



Todd McBrayer

Born in Anaheim California and growing up in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, Todd's family would visit Las Vegas often for the airport and the malls. Little did he know that he would move to Las Vegas years later.

After a few years in St. George, Utah, Todd started working in Las Vegas April 1997 and moved his family to Las Vegas August 1997. Working in the architecture and construction field, Las Vegas has provided many opportunities for his growing career and family. For the past six-plus years, Todd has been working as Director of Design Services for Breslin Builders, and has been lead designer for various projects including SoHo Lofts and Third Street Promenade, to name a few.

Todd is the father of five children, four girls and one boy, and along with his wife, DeAnna, is home schooling their children. Todd is very active in his Church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) working with the Young Men's program, has served as Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America, and is currently the BSA North Star District Training Chairperson. Todd and DeAnna are former foster parents.

Todd is very excited to be selected for this years Academy and looks forward to learning more about city government, with plans to use the information gained from the Academy to better himself and those he deals with, both now and in the future.

A resident of Las Vegas for three and one-half years, Mary McClellan is a licensed real estate broker and property manager, associated with Lee and Associates in Las Vegas, Nevada. Currently specializing in commercial properties, Mary began her real estate career in residential sales and property management. Mary is also the mother of two adult children, both of whom have followed her into the real estate business. Her daughter is a very successful residential realtor, and her son is a new sales associate in commercial properties. Mary's previous experience includes being an artist and owning a graphics design firm in Southern California for 15 years. After the sale of her graphics design firm, Mary worked as an interior designer before pursuing her career in real estate.



Mary
McClellan



Marvin Minushkin

Marvin Minushkin has a BS and Masters of Science degrees in Health and Physical Education. Marvin also has an advanced degree in School Counseling and a Professional Diploma in School Administration and Supervision.

Marvin taught health and physical education at Grover Cleveland High School in Queens, NY for two years. He coached soccer, gymnastics, and handball as well.

From 1960 to 1998 he worked in Connetquot Schools in Bohemia, NY as a teacher of elementary and junior high school health and physical education, school counselor, building administrator, and central office administration.

Marvin has owned day camps, an automotive repair facility, and other businesses on Long Island. He has been married for 40 years and has four children, three of whom are married, and seven grandchildren.

Marvin has received several awards in education and has consulted with state education officials on under-performing high schools in Long Island, NY. He has been an officer in his homeowners association and is currently a member of the ARC committee. He participates in the Tule Springs Historical Society for Floyd Lamb State Park and is a current member of the Las Vegas Citizens Advisory Committee. He currently holds a Real Estate License in Nevada for Time-Share.

Maria Parra-Sandoval was born on June 25, 1985 in Nayarit, Mexico. She has lived in Las Vegas, Nevada for thirteen years and has attended the valley's public schools. She graduated from the prestigious International Baccalaureate Program at Valley High School.

Maria's leadership experiences have been primarily gained in service projects. She has been a recruiter, mentor and facilitator for the Annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference. She volunteered in the America Reads Program and helped establish Kappa Delta Chi Sorority Inc., the first Latina community-service based sorority in Nevada. She has held several leadership positions within this organization. Maria has also received a Leadership Scholarship from the UNLV Student Government.

Maria has experience in the political field as well. In high school, she was active in voter registration, volunteered in a congressional campaign, and interned for Clark County. In college, she was selected to attend the Fifth Annual Public Policy and Leadership Conference at Harvard. She is also a Fellow of the National Latina Leadership Institute Summer Program in Washington, D.C. and was selected to intern in the office of the Honorable Harry Reid in Spring 2006.

Maria is a dedicated community leader and has come to understand that part of her role in higher education is to lift others. She believes it is a social responsibility of educated adults, involved community leaders, and professionals to give back to their community.



**Maria L.
Parra-
Sandoval**



Councilman Steven D. Ross

Steven D. Ross was sworn into office on July 6, 2005. Councilman Ross represents Ward 6, the fastest growing area of Las Vegas, which includes the far northwest and Centennial Hills.

A native Nevadan, Councilman Ross is familiar with the city as well as Ward 6. Born in Reno, the councilman moved to Las Vegas as a child and attended elementary school and junior high in the valley. He graduated from Western High School and went on to study at the University of Reno and UNLV.

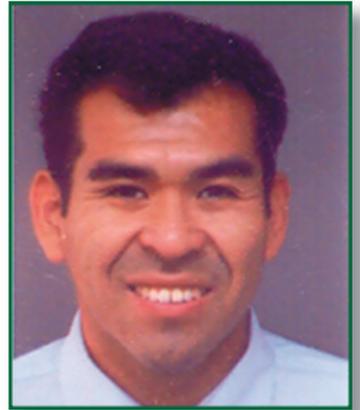
Councilman Ross is very involved in the community having participated in numerous volunteer activities over the years. He has served as a Boy Scout troop leader, a coach for the Cheyenne and Lone Mountain little league teams and chairman of the "Dad's Day for Dollars Against Diabetes."

Councilman Ross is the operator of a successful family business, Keleeco Electric, which he opened with his wife Kelli in 1998. He has also been active in the business community serving as an assistant business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Councilman Ross and his wife have five children ranging in age from 16 to 21.

Larry Sanchez moved from Los Angeles and arrived in Las Vegas in 1996. He has worked in structural engineering for over nine years. When he first came to Vegas, he worked with Mendenhall Smith Structural Engineers for five years, designing residential and commercial building projects. In 2001, he decided to design highway bridges and began working for the Louis Berger Group. He worked there for two years and gained great experience working on NDOT design projects. Larry has spent the last two years working for the city of North Las Vegas and performing structural plan examinations for building projects. He enjoys working for local government because it really fits his personality. Before coming to Vegas, he worked as an engineering intern for NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, CA.

Larry has been married to his wife, Cindy, for four years, and they have two kids. Andrew is 16 and Steven is 3 years old. Andrew was recently accepted to the Army/Navy Academy in Carlsbad, CA. They are on a waiting list at Our Lady of Las Vegas for Steven. Cindy is a real estate agent and is always busy. Their goals are to invest and retire wisely and raise their children properly.



Larry
Sanchez



Susan Scann is originally from “back east”, born in Riverdale, Maryland and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. She moved around a lot before settling in Las Vegas 29 years ago. Susan graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle, lived in Honolulu for several years, and then went to law school in San Diego.

Susan met and married her musician husband in Las Vegas. They have two adult children who have been her main activity over the years. She is a partner in a real estate law firm, a member of Soroptimist International, and an alternate Municipal Court Judge in Las Vegas.

Susan
Scann

Lenny Taylor, a carpenter by trade, worked in construction when he first arrived in Las Vegas in 1993. A short time later he was a Youth Corp supervisor for a federally funded program that was designed to help at-risk youths achieve their GED. As a teacher he taught them a variety of job skills and as a counselor he prepared them for the work force by instilling work ethics and life skills. Currently, Lenny is an organizer/representative for the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters. He is also serving his second term as Vice-President of Carpenters Union Local 1977.

Lenny's commitment to our community is evident by his participation in the Las Vegas Neighborhood Partners Fund program for the past two years and with Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada. His concern for those less fortunate is what drives Lenny to volunteer for non-profit organizations that assist families in need in our community.



Lenny
Taylor



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